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SUBJ: FOURTH COMMITTEE: PAPUA NEW GUINEA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AUSTRALIAN PREPARED DRAFT RES ON PAPUA
NEW GUINEA. AUSTRALIANS INTEND TO HAVE INDIANS TABLE
RES IN FOURTH COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 26 OR 27. AUSTRALIANS
HAVE ASKED FRENCH TO CO-SPONSOR. FRENCH, IN TURN, HAVE TOLD
AUSTRALIANS THAT THEY WOULD CO-SPONSOR IF US WOULD.
AUSTRALIA HAS NOT ASKED US TO CO-SPONSOR.

QTE: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PAPUA NEW GUINEA

RECALLING THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE TERRITORY OF
NEW GUINEA APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 13
DECEMBER 1946,

MINDFUL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14
DECEMBER 1960 CONTAINING THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES,

RECALLING FURTHER ITS RESOLUTION 3109 (XXVIII) OF 12
DECEMBER 1973 IN WHICH IT WELCOMED THE ATTAINMENT OF
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SELF-GOVERNMENT ON 1 DECEMBER 1973, AS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN

THE PROGRESS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE,

MINDFUL, THAT THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY HAS AFFIRMED ITS RIGHT AS THE DULY ELECTED PARLIAMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO DECIDE WHEN INDEPENDENCE IS TO COME AND THAT THE ADMINISTERING POWER ACCEPTS THAT THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY REPRESENTS THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLES ON THE QUESTION OF INDEPENDENCE,

RECOGNISING THAT THE ADMINISTERING POWER HAS PROGRESSIVELY TRANSFERRED GOVERNMENTAL POWERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THAT IT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PENDING THE FINAL DECISION OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONDUCTING ITS RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AS A GOVERNMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT NATION TO WHICH AUSTRALIA HAS CERTAIN SPECIAL AND INESCAPABLE OBLIGATIONS,

NOTING THAT ON 9 JULY 1974 THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY RESOLVED "THAT PAPUA NEW GUINEA DO MOVE TO INDEPENDENT NATION STATUS AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER A CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN ENACTED BY THIS HOUSE AND THAT ANY PROPOSED DATE OF INDEPENDENCE IS TO BE ENDORSED BY THIS HOUSE",

NOTING ALSO THE CONTINUED WILLINGNESS OF THE ADMINISTERING POWER AND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, TO RECEIVE AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME A VISITING MISSION TO BE COMPOSED AS RECOMMENDED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2590 (XXIV) OF 16 DECEMBER 1969,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL ON ITS RESUMED FORTY-FIRST SESSION.

1. RESOLVES IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ADMINISTERING POWER THAT ON THE DATE ON WHICH PAPUA NEW GUINEA SHALL BECOME INDEPENDENT, THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA, APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 13 DECEMBER 1946, SHALL CEASE TO BE IN FORCE,

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2. REQUESTS THE ADMINISTERING POWER TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE DATE ON WHICH PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL ACCEDE TO INDEPENDENCE AND ON WHICH THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT SHALL CEASE TO BE IN FORCE. UNQTE.

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